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# Gunpowder Currents

The Official Newsletter of Gunpowder Falls State Park



Family Programs Inside Including:  
**CAMPOUT**  
**HAYRIDE**  
**CAMPFIRES**  
**HIKING TRIPS**  
**LETTERBOXING**  
And more...

**Go back in time...**  
and visit the Jerusalem Mill  
Village including a Visitor  
Center, Blacksmith  
Demonstrations, Gun Shop,  
Museum, and General Store!

Hours of operation inside.



**Red-Shouldered Hawk**  
Photo by Gary Wilkins.

**New Alcohol Policy**  
**For ALL Maryland**  
**State Parks**  
See inside for more information.

**Volunteer at Gunpowder!**  
Take pride in your park and  
donate your time to  
improve public lands!  
Plenty of opportunities inside.

**Winter Youth Programs:**  
**Junior Rangers, Park Pals**  
**and NEW Sprouts program!**

## Trash In Our Playgrounds

### Recycled Products Benefit Everyone

By Whitney Heckler

The phrase "trash in our playgrounds" immediately brings to mind the image of a playground covered in litter, but that's not the image most eco-friendly companies see today. Plastic bottles melted down into wood-like boards build the bridges, small shelters and stairs kids love to climb on. Old tires are hung up as swings, half-buried in a row to make a tunnel, or cut up into pieces for an easy landing at the end of a slide. This is the new image of trash in our playgrounds; what once was headed for a landfill is now reused to benefit everyone.

Playgrounds are not the only area where companies are taking recycled products to new levels. Industries are getting more

creative with their products, going beyond turning cans into recycled cans or plastic bottles into recycled plastic containers. Advertisements for recycled plastic hairclips, makeup brushes made from reusable resin, and eco-handbags made from candy wrappers, juice boxes, denim, old magazines and chopsticks, are becoming ever more popular. Recycled fashion is the newest trend from designers, and their accessories, jewelry and clothing all made from reusable products are making waves. Recycled products are also being embraced in industries other than fashion. For example, you can easily find rugs, furniture, picture frames, coasters, lumber and tools created from post-consumer materials.

Still, not all recyclable products have to be bought at a store. Old glass jars filled with shells or colorful pebbles easily become a cute center piece or new mantle decoration. Leftover craft supplies, toilet paper rolls and newspaper can become a creative craft for any kid. The internet and local libraries have many sources of easy-to-do recyclable craft ideas, like making a chandelier from glass bottles or brown paper bags. Even composting, a great way to turn leftover vegetable matter into garden fertilizer, has become easier. Small backyard compost containers are easy to find and relatively inexpensive, helping you...

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# Family Programs & Special Events

**A NOTE ON REGISTRATION AND CANCELLATION:** *Some of our programs ask that you pre-register to participate. This helps us to direct our efforts in ways that best serve you, our guest. If the program you're interested in requires pre-registration, please take a moment to call us at 410-592-2897. This helps to ensure that your program will not be cancelled. The park reserves the right to cancel a program at any time, but we will do our best to notify all participants 24 hours in advance when possible. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult unless otherwise noted.*


## OCTOBER 2009


**2 - 3 Camp Out** - Days Cove, 6 p.m. on the 2nd until 4 p.m. on the 3rd. Come spend an educational weekend with our fun and enthusiastic park naturalists to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the outdoors. Activities include campfire, overnight camping, canoeing, hiking, Scales and Tales animals and outdoor survival skills. Families are welcome! Children under 12 yrs old must be accompanied by an adult. *Cost: \$20 per person, which includes all activities, Friday campfire snacks and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required. Please call 410-592-2897.*


**3 Survival Day** - Days Cove, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come put your survival sense to the test! Join park naturalists to learn some simple outdoor survival skills. All ages welcome! *Cost: \$2 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897.*

**3 The Harvest Moon Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Rising above the marsh and the tree line and casting its long reflection across the water, the harvest moon-large and luminous-brings you a light show like no other. Must have solid fundamental kayak skills as well as basic swimming skills. Only single seat kayaks are available for this tour. *Cost: \$66 per person. Must be over 18, pre-registration required. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

**4 The Fishing Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Kayak fishing is a whole new game. It's sneaky and intrusive and downright unfair to the crafty bass, pickerel, perch, catfish, and other finny denizens that lie in the nooks and crannies of Dundee Creek. No one knows where they hide better than Tracey, who will be your expert guide. Light tackle suggested. *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be 13 years or older. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

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**10 Letterboxing 101** - Belair Rd at the Gunpowder Falls River Crossing and also at the Monkton Station on the TCB Trail, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come learn about this fun and inexpensive family activity. All you need is sturdy walking shoes, a small notepad and your favorite stamp! Meet a park naturalist in the trail parking lot anytime throughout the day for an introduction to letterboxing. Then head off on your own adventure to see where the clues lead. *Cost: FREE! Please pre-register by calling 410-592-2897.*

**10 The Photographer's Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come enjoy an extraordinary array of subjects for photographers of all skill levels. You bring the camera and Erin Travis, an accomplished and versatile photographer, will get you up close and personal with some of nature's loveliest moments. *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be over 18, pre-registration required. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

 **10-11 The Redcoats are Coming! & Colonial Weekend** - Jerusalem Mill, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Come see demonstrations featuring scenarios that address the question: what if a British raid had encountered American troops at Jerusalem Mill? Join us and find out with Revolutionary War activities throughout both days. Combined this year with our traditional celebration of colonial crafts and activities. See website: [www.jerusalemmill.org](http://www.jerusalemmill.org). *Pre-registration required for re-enactors. Call 410-877-3560 for details. Cost: adults-\$7; under 16, seniors (60 and over), active military (with ID)-\$5; under 5 free; Family Special (two adults and three or more children)-\$25.*

 **11 Poker Run on the TCB Trail** - Monkton Station, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Explore the TCB trail on bike or on foot as you compete for the best poker hand. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some of the history of the trail and its natural surroundings. Start at Monkton, travel down to Sparks then head back up to Monkton where you will finish, collecting cards along the way. The winner will receive a 50/50 cash prize. *Cost: \$1 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 for registration and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather - shine only!*

**11 The Wildlife Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Let an experienced naturalist help you uncover these wonders and enrich your personal connection to one of Maryland's pristine habitats. *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be over 13, pre-*

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♿ **17 Day of the Horse** - Graham Equestrian Center, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for a day of horses, food and fun for the whole family! Demonstrations, instructions and discussions on: Jousting, Carriage Driving, Side Saddle Riding, the Feldenkrais Method, the Tao of Equus, Equine Acupuncture, Equine Massage, Equine Nutrition, Equine Dentistry, Ground Skills and Safety, Parade of Breeds, and much more! Events for kids include: face painting, hay rides, arts & crafts, and more. *Plenty of parking-Donation of \$5.00 per car. Rain Date: Oct. 18th.*

**17 The Sketch Pad Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. From a kayak, you can get some unique and unusual perspectives plus expert advice from our naturalist who is a practicing artist. *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be 13 years or older. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

**17 NCR Photo Contest Artists' Reception** - Diddywopps and Keeffers Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery, across from Monkton Station, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy this year's submissions for our annual photo contest featuring the sights of Gunpowder's Torrey C. Brown Rail Trail. Meet the photographers, enjoy refreshments, and discover your favorite photos on Saturday October 17th during the artists' reception. Show runs from October 15th - 19th at Diddywopps and Keeffers Fine Arts and Crafts Gallery at 1901 Monkton Road Monkton, MD 21111. Admission is free, but photos are for sale, you may wish to purchase your favorite! Proceeds of photo contest sales to benefit the Northern Baltimore County Arts Foundation. *Call 410-329-6809 for more information. Rain or shine event. Accessibility is limited; call 410-472-0470 with special needs.*

**17 Sunset Tours** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dundee creek is the perfect place to watch the sun disappear behind the tree line. No sunset is the same. *Cost: \$55 per person. Must be over 13, pre-registration required. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

♿ **17 Campfire and Hayride** - Hammerman, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Meet at Hammerman beach lot. Celebrate fall with the family and enjoy an old fashioned hayride and storytelling around a campfire. Roast a snack to enjoy as you listen and relax by the fire. For kids of all ages-all children must be accompanied by an adult. *Cost: FREE! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 for registration and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather - shine only.*

**18 Migration Tour** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Come enjoy a remarkable variety of ducks, geese and swans found in Dundee Creek. *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be over 18, pre-registration required. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

**24 Fall Colors** - hosted by Ultimate Watersports, Dundee Creek Marina, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Discover the incredible beauty of Autumn as it transforms itself from summer to fall. This tour happens only once a year, be sure not to miss it! *Cost: \$45 per person. Must be over 13, pre-registration required. For more information call 410-335-5352 or visit [www.ultimatewatersports.com](http://www.ultimatewatersports.com).*

♿ **25 Fall Celebration** - Monkton Station, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Stop by Monkton Station to join park naturalists for fall fun. Activities include

storytelling, children's games and crafts, and the chance to meet some of the fascinating and spooky animals of Gunpowder Falls State Park. *Cost: FREE! Call: 410-592-2897 for more information. Rain or shine.*

## NOVEMBER 2009

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**7 Owl Prowl / Night Hike** - Hammerman, Ash parking lot, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Spend an evening hiking in and near the woods of the Hammerman area, searching and listening for the hunters of the night. Learn about these amazing animals with hands-on activities during the program. Quiet is the key to a successful night hike; please plan accordingly when considering the participation of young children. *Cost: \$2 per person. Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather - shine only.*


♿ **8 Chili Cook Off** - Hammerman, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Do you have an amazing chili recipe? Bring it to the park to participate in a cook off. Cooking starts at 9 a.m. and all dishes must be prepared by noon when the judging begins. There will be a 50/50 cash prize to the winner of the cook off. Bring the whole family for campfire cooking demonstrations from 9 until 12. *Cost: \$5 per chili entry. Pre-registration is required. Please call: 410-592-2897.*


**14, 29 Guided Hike Series: Exploring the Prettyboy Watershed** - Share the beautiful scenery of the Prettyboy watershed and Gunpowder Falls State Park's northern area trails while learning about the flora and fauna along the way. These are rugged hikes and are not suitable for small children or persons who are not physically fit. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. each day. Bring plenty of water and snacks for the trek and dress appropriately; we will hike despite light rain and snow. *Cancellations will be determined up to 24 hours in advance. Cost: FREE! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. 14th - Highland Trail and Gunpowder South Trail. We will meet at the Masemore Road parking lot and hike to Prettyboy*



Dam and back. Approx. 5 miles; 29th - Gunpowder South and Gunpowder North Trails. We will meet at York Road parking lot, hike to Masemore and back. Approx. 5 miles.

**14 Campfire Program** - North Point, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Bring chairs, picnic blankets and a flashlight and enjoy S'mores and other fire roasted snacks on a cool autumn night. The whole family can unwind after a busy workweek and hear our naturalists share their knowledge of the park's natural, cultural and historic resources. *Cost: FREE! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather - shine only.*


 **21 Native Plants, Native People** - Hammerman, Ash parking lot, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Join park naturalists to learn some of the games and activities enjoyed by native and colonial people. Learn how our ancestors relied on nature to provide them with materials needed for everyday life. *Cost: FREE! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897 to register and to check for cancellations due to inclement weather - shine only.*


 **22 The Lurking Turkey** - Monkton Station, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Whet your whistle for Thanksgiving goodness by attending this program introducing you to an elusive native bird, the wild turkey. Learn about the habitat and behavior of this extraordinary bird and its role in our ecosystem. Craft project for the kids to take home and interactive turkey calling demonstrations included. Open to visitors of all ages and handicapped accessible. *Cost: FREE! Pre-registration is required. Call: 410-592-2897. Rain or shine.*


**28 An Afternoon of Floral Design and Tea** - Jerusalem Mill, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of floral design and tea. Each participant will use fresh floral materials to create a small fireside basket filled with holiday greens and ribbons. Participants will then enjoy a traditional Victorian Tea. *Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, please call Andrea at 410-529-8488 and leave a message, name, and phone number.*

## DECEMBER 2009

**2 An Afternoon of Floral Design and Tea** - Jerusalem Mill, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come join us for an afternoon of floral design and tea. Each participant will use fresh floral materials to create a Williamsburg style arrangement of boxwood and berries with a hurricane globe and candle. Participants will then enjoy a traditional Colonial Tea. *Class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information or to register, please call Andrea at 410-529-8488 and leave a message, name, and phone number.*


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 **12, 13 Santa's Workshop** - North Point State Park, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Come have your picture taken with Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Make a gift to take home to a loved one. Listen to festive music and check out our train garden and creative holiday decorations. For kids of all ages accompanied by an adult. *Cost: FREE! Call 410-477-0757. Donations welcome.*

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### All Maryland State Forests and Parks are Trash-Free

In order to promote and encourage recycling, reduction of waste and reuse of our resources, there are no trash barrels in our picnic and beach areas. This also helps protect wildlife from the hazards of getting into our trash. Park visitors are asked to take home what they bring in. Please pack your picnic in reusable containers and help us keep our parks clean.



Remember to reduce, reuse  
and recycle! Thank you!



### Maryland Conservation Corps Comes to Gunpowder Falls State Park in Fall 2009!

MCC is an award winning AmeriCorps program that engages young adults in natural resource management and park conservation projects. MCC will contribute to a variety of park improvement projects this year, such as tree planting, trail maintenance, habitat restoration, interpretive programs and volunteer projects.

For more information, visit us on the web—  
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/mcc>.

## Park Hours

<b>Park Headquarters:</b>	Open year-round, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed on state holidays
<b>Jerusalem Mill Museum:</b>	Open weekends year-round, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Available other times by appointment.
<b>Blacksmith Shop &amp; Gun Shop at Jerusalem Mill:</b>	Open Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Monkton Train Station:</b>	Open weekends only in April, May, September and October, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Hours from Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day: Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
<b>Sparks Bank Nature Center:</b>	Open by appointment only.
<b>North Point Day Use Area:</b>	Open year-round, 8 a.m. - Sunset
<b>North Point Takos Visitor Center:</b>	Hours from Memorial Day weekend - Labor Day: Wednesday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
<b>Hammerman Day Use Area:</b>	April - October                      8 a.m. - Sunset November - March                10 a.m. - Sunset
<b>Hammerman Beach:</b>	Lifeguards on duty from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, Thursday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Beach unguarded at other times. Lifeguard hours subject to change. Call (410) 335-3461 to confirm.
<b>Dundee Creek Marina Store:</b>	April Hours:            Call (410) 592 - 2897 for hours. May Hours:            Monday - Friday,            6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday & Sunday            6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. After Labor Day: Call (410) 592 - 2897 for hours.
<b>Dundee Creek Marina Launching Ramp:</b>	March 1 - November 30    6 a.m. - Sunset.
<b>Trails/ Trail parking lots</b>	Sunrise to sunset year round.



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grow your own healthy and organic vegetables.

The amount of items we can reuse is never ending and ever growing. It just takes some creativity to figure out the many ways to reuse our trash instead of just throwing it away. In Maryland, we are already making a difference; in fact, Maryland residents and businesses recycled over 44% of the municipal solid waste generated in 2007. So, when it's to drop off or separate the recycling,

it is now easy to imagine all those pieces of "trash" making our community, homes and playgrounds more beautiful.

For more information, check out company websites like [www.abundantearth.com](http://www.abundantearth.com), [www.eartheasy.com](http://www.eartheasy.com) or recycling data at [www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/Local/recyclingrates.asp](http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/LandPrograms/Recycling/Local/recyclingrates.asp).

Also explore your local library or surf the web to find more recycled

products and at-home recycled craft ideas!



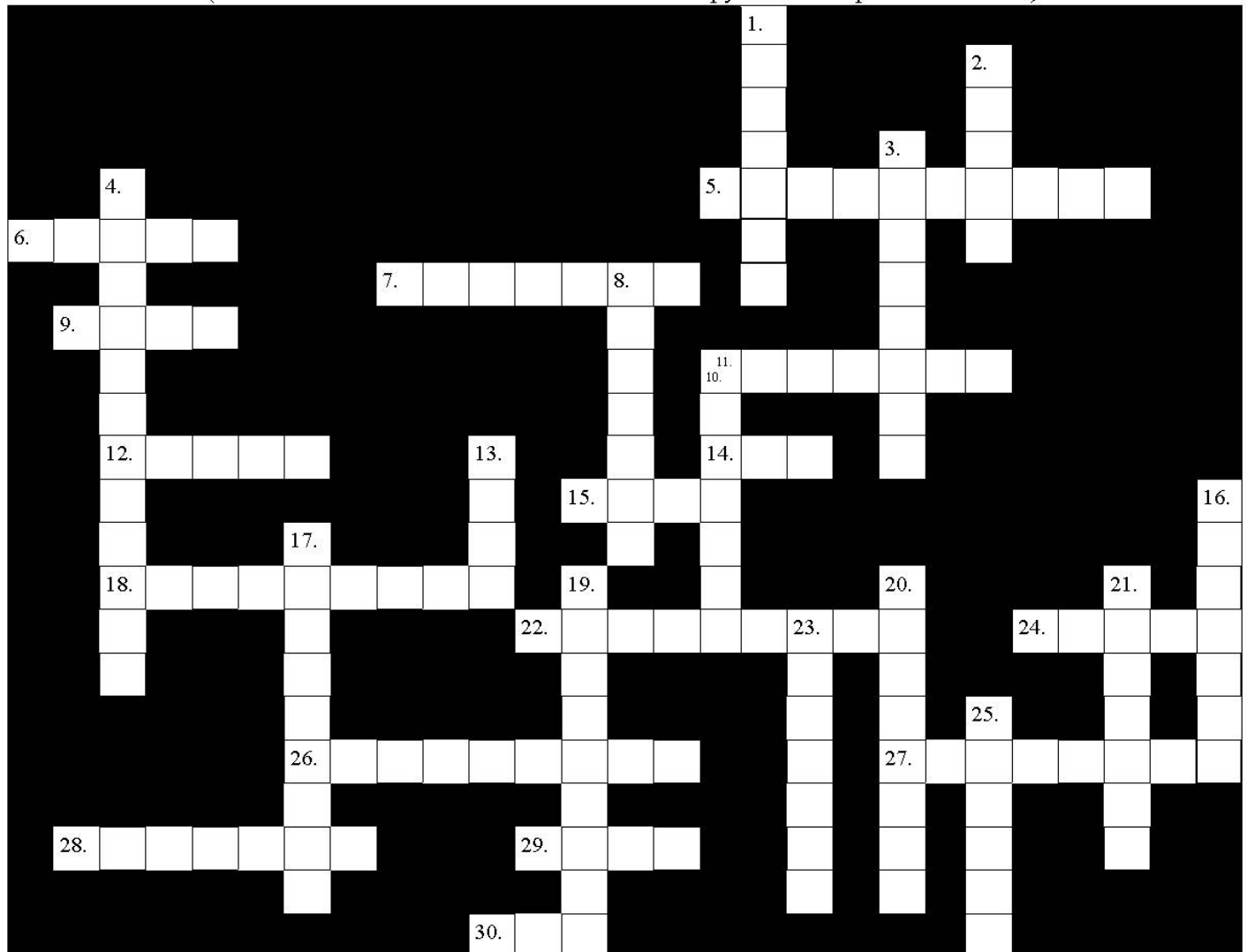
Make sure to visit Gunpowder's recycled tire playground located in the Gum Lot of the Hammerman Area!

Also check out the new beach house at the Hammerman area—this "green" building is made up of 50% recycled materials, and 91% of its construction wastes were recycled.

# GUNPOWDER CROSSWORD

COMPLETE AND MAIL IN TO GFSP HEADQUARTERS WITH CORRECT ANSWERS TO RECEIVE  
A \$1 OFF COUPON GOOD FOR ANY PARK PROGRAM!

(Most of the answers can be found inside this copy of the Gunpowder Currents)



Down

Across

1. The only president to ride the Northern Central Railroad twice.
2. The North Point Visitors Center is named after Steve \_\_\_\_\_.
3. MD State Tree
4. Youth program for children 9-12 yrs old.
8. There is a new policy in the park for this beverage.
10. Mill Pond \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Animals hunted in the park.
16. You need a hook and pole for this activity.
17. A devoted park caretaker working without pay.
19. Despite the name, there is not a single \_\_\_\_\_ in Gunpowder Falls State Park.
20. Term for non-native species that takes over an area.
21. Fun fall family activity pulled by a tractor.
23. Location of an old train station in the northern area of the park.
25. Dundee Creek \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Used to be home of the Bay Shore Amusement Park and also the place of a famous American battle.
6. The campgrounds in Gunpowder are only available for \_\_\_\_\_ groups.
7. Youth program for children 5-8 yrs old.
9. Historic part of Gunpowder, where park headquarters is located. Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Overnight outdoor fun family program.
12. A flowing body of water.
14. NCR was recently renamed \_\_\_\_\_. (Initials)
15. The only way to get to Hart-Miller Island.
18. The river that flows through the entire park.
22. The only area of the park that includes guarded sandy beaches.
24. All dogs must wear this inside the park.
26. "Pack it in, Pack it" out policy for \_\_\_\_\_ parks.
27. Turtle known for it's bite.
28. Maryland's Governor
29. To report an emergency or crime, dial 1-800-825-\_\_\_\_\_.
30. Winged night hunter.



# Winter Youth Programs

## Junior Rangers

The Junior Rangers program returns for the winter of 2010! Kids from 9-12 years old are invited to get outside, explore the park, discover nature, and learn about the environment through hands-on activities. Sign up soon because space is limited and you don't want to miss out on all the fun!

### Areas & Times

Days Cove:

February 5 - March 12

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sparks Nature Center

February 6 - March 13

Saturdays, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## Park Pals

Young children ages 5-8 can join in the fun too! Park Pals are introduced to the outdoors through games, crafts and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in the same topics as Junior Rangers, but with a more hands-on approach that's tailored to early childhood. It's perfect for the younger brothers and sisters of Junior Rangers!

### Areas & Times

Days Cove:

February 5 - March 12

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Sprouts

Younger children ages 2-4 and their parent can join in on the fun also! Sprouts will be introduced to the outdoors through crafts, stories and activities with a nature theme. This program gets our youngest visitors involved in hands-on activities that enhance early childhood development. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Areas & Times

Days Cove:

February 5 - March 12

Fridays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Cost is \$25 per child for Junior Rangers or Park Pals and \$15 for Sprouts. Take advantage of our great family rate! \$10 for each additional child from the same family. Children must attend four out of six sessions and complete required activities to earn their patch. To register, call 410-592-2897. Registration is limited to 20 children per Junior Ranger session and 15 per Park Pal/Sprout sessions. Early registration is recommended.



Tired of high gas prices, traffic jams and airport delays complicating your precious vacation? Simplify! Choose the Mill Pond Cottage for your next getaway, and leave your troubles behind. Located in the scenic Hereford area of Gunpowder Falls State Park, the Cottage offers true peace and quiet in a private, streamside retreat. The Mill Pond Cottage sleeps 8 people, and has a full kitchen, central air conditioning and heat, cable television, wood-burning fireplace, screened-in porch and much more! Anglers will love the two-minute walk to one of the best trout fishing areas in the country. A mere thirty-minute drive from Baltimore can make you feel like you're a thousand miles away—without the travel hassles!

We'd love to help you plan your visit. Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897 for information, or to request a full-color brochure. Check us out on the web at: [www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/millpond.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/publiclands/millpond.html)

## The Gunpowder Currents: Subscribe Today!

Be the first to hear about park events! For a donation of \$10, you will receive the *Gunpowder Currents* for one year. This offer includes two issues of the *Currents*, and notices on other events too. Subscribers receive a \$1 discount on programs requiring pre-registration. To order, fill out this form and mail it with your payment (checks only, please) to GFSP, P.O. Box 480, Kingsville, MD 21087.

**CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO GUNPOWDER FALLS STATE PARK**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## DIRECTIONS TO PARK AREAS

*Note: Gunpowder property spans from the Pennsylvania line to the Chesapeake Bay. Use Internet mapping programs with caution, as no one street address can provide proper directions to the entire park. For help with directions, call the park at 410-592-2897.*

**HAMMERMAN (Chase, Maryland)** - From I-95 take exit 67A for Route 43 east (White Marsh Boulevard). Follow 43 to Route 40 east. After turning onto Rt. 40, turn right at the first light onto Ebenezer Road and follow it for 4.5 miles. The park entrance will be on your left.

**MONKTON STATION (Monkton, Maryland)** - From I-83 N, take exit 27 and turn right on Mt. Carmel Road. Turn right on York Road and make a quick left onto Monkton Road. Go about 4 miles, where the road crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Monkton Station will be on your left. Limited parking. Call the park or see the website for parking options on the TCB.

**JERUSALEM MILL (Park Headquarters in Kingsville, Maryland)** - From I-95 take exit 74 for Route 152 West (Mountain Road). Follow Mountain Road toward Fallston and after about 2 miles, turn left onto Jerusalem Road (it's the first left after Singer Road). Jerusalem Mill will be on your left after 1.1 miles. Parking is in the lot on the right, just before the mill.

**NORTH POINT STATE PARK (Edgemere, Maryland)** - Coming from the Towson or Essex area on the Inner Loop of I-695, take exit 42 (Edgemere - Fort Howard). Follow Route 20 south (North Point Road) through the town of Edgemere. The entrance to the park will be on your left after 2 miles. Coming from the Key Bridge or Glen Burnie area on the Outer Loop of I-695, take exit 43. Follow signs to Route 20 south.

**SPARKS BANK NATURE CENTER (Sparks, Maryland)** - From I-83N take exit 24 (Belfast Road). Turn right onto Belfast Road. Turn right onto York Road (Route 45). Take your second left onto Sparks Road. Follow it until it crosses the TCB (formerly NCR) Trail. Sparks Bank Nature Center will be on your right. Limited parking.

Need to Report an  
Emergency or Crime in the Park?

Call Park Watch at  
**1-800-825-PARK (7275)**  
This 24-hour DNR Communications  
line is there to help.

## New Alcohol Policy For ALL Maryland State Parks

Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED in all areas of Maryland State Parks, including camper cabins, campgrounds, picnic areas and shelters.

Exceptions:

- Patrons may consume alcohol in a RESERVED shelter by purchasing a \$35 alcohol permit through the reservation service at 888-432-CAMP.
- Alcohol may also be consumed in full-service cabins by those of legal drinking age.

Reasons for the policy change:

- Reduce the incidence of undesirable behaviors of park patrons who consume alcohol in excess. In 2008, Natural Resources Police issued 413 citations for alcohol-related incidents and 32 DUI citations.
- Reduce impacts on state facilities and natural resources.
- Ensure the safety of park patrons, park staff and NRP officers.



Want to See More on the Web?  
Interested in Volunteering?  
Check these out!

Visit the Maryland Department of Natural Resources website to obtain information about parks, upcoming events around the State, regulations, educational programs, and so much more! Our website address is: [www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us)

The Friends of Jerusalem Mill is a group which took the lead in the restoration of the 18th-century mill which now serves as park headquarters, and houses a Visitor Center and Museum. The Friends are currently working closely with DNR and Gunpowder Falls State Park to restore additional, recently acquired, properties which were also part of the historic Jerusalem Village. Information about their activities can be found at:

[www.jerusalemill.org](http://www.jerusalemill.org)

The North Point Volunteer Association is a dynamic force at North Point State Park, managed as part of Gunpowder Falls State Park. They sponsor numerous activities throughout the year. Their volunteers have restored and continue to maintain the fountain that was a centerpiece of the old Bayshore Park. Follow their activities, and see how to get involved, at:

[www.northpointstatepark.org](http://www.northpointstatepark.org)

## Gunpowder Falls State Park

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Internet: www.dnr.Maryland.gov

TTY users call via the MD Relay



**Martin O'Malley, Governor**  
**John R. Griffin, Secretary**

## SERVICE CHARGES

Access to most areas of Gunpowder is free. There is a \$3 per person service charge for entrance into the Hammerman area. This service charge is in effect every day during the summer season (Memorial Day through Labor Day) and weekends in the spring and fall. Children in car seats and patrons over age 62 are free. A \$3 per car honor system is in effect on weekdays in the spring and fall and everyday in the winter. Buses - \$10, with reservation required. At North Point State Park, a \$3 per car service charge is in effect year round. All Season Passes for 2009 and 2010 are available for \$75, and can be obtained at the Hammerman and North Point areas.

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Alcoholic beverages not permitted in Gunpowder Falls State Park. The only exception is a reserved shelter when a \$35 alcohol permit is purchased. Call 888-432-CAMP or visit our website for more information.

## PETS

Pets are prohibited at Dundee Creek Marina, the Hammerman area and the designated developed areas of North Point. Pets *on leashes* are permitted in all other areas of the park, except youth group camping areas and where otherwise marked.

## PAVILIONS

Gunpowder has four picnic pavilions in the Hammerman area. These may be reserved in advance. For reservation dates, call 1-888-432-CAMP or reserve online. The service

charge is \$200 for pavilion use, in addition to the \$3 per person service charge for entrance.

The North Point Trolley Station is a larger pavilion, which is available for rental and seats up to 150 people. The service charge varies depending upon the number of people using the facility. A small gazebo at North Point can be rented for \$40. Call 410-477-0757 for more information.

## BOATING

Dundee Creek Marina provides access to the northern Chesapeake Bay. Rental boats, gas, and a full line of boating accessories are available at the marina. The service charge for launching is \$10 per launch.

## TRASH-FREE PARKS

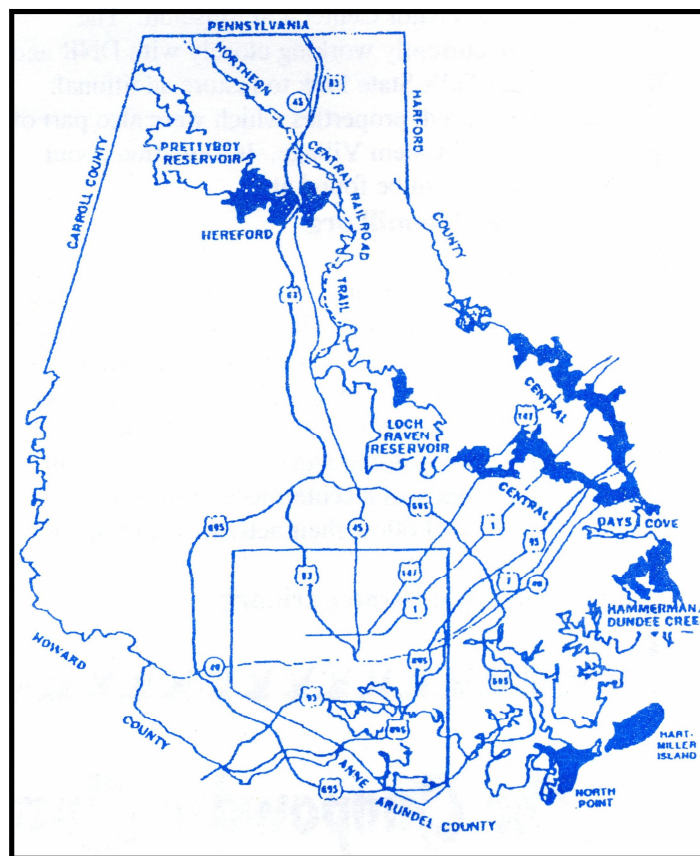
All Maryland State Forests and Parks are Trash-Free. Please take your trash home with you and remember to reduce, reuse & recycle.

## OVERNIGHT CAMPING

Overnight camping is available at Camp Wood and Camp Cone for organized youth groups. Reservations required. Call 410-592-2897 for youth group camping. Primitive campsites at Hart-Miller Island, accessible by boat only, May 1 - Sept. 30. First come, first served. Service charge: \$6/site/night. Limit of 6 people per site.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION ?

Call Park Headquarters at 410-592-2897. Additional park regulations are posted on bulletin boards.



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